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The St. Lawrence River, at its upper end, broadens out to the proportions of a Lake fifteen miles wide at the west end and about four miles wide at the central part. In this "lake" are the Thousand Islands, christened by the early French, who had ownership before the English, as "Les Mille Isles." The English designated it as "The Lake of a Thousand Islands." It was known to the Indians as "Monatoana" or "Garden of the Great Spirit."

The region was one of the battle grounds of our early wars, particularly the war of 1812 with England. In this war a number of small battles between the contending forces, both on land and water, took place here. At the head of Carleton Island are the ruins of an extensive fort originally erected by the British during the Revolutionary War and named by them "Fort Haldimand." One of the most interesting events of the Patriot War of 1837 was the burning and sinking of the steamer "Sir Robert Peel" in the American channel south of Wells Island. On one of the islands was located one of the stations of the "underground railway" of the Abolitionists of Civil War times.

Although the locality goes by the name "Thousand Islands," it is well known that by actual count there are about seventeen hundred of the islands in years when the water is at minimum height, and many more than one thousand of them even at high water.

The islands vary in size from some of several thousand acres down to others of such small extent as to afford a footing only for birds. Many are entirely under water at all times, and some have been enlarged artificially to make room for the erection of summer residences thereon.

The international boundary divides them about equally. At some places the dividing water between islands of New York and Canada is so narrow that a pebble can be easily tossed across, and, in one instance, the owner of two islands, one in each country, has erected an ornamental foot-bridge connecting them.

Originally all the islands of any extent were covered with a heavy forest growth of mixed hardwood and evergreens, and many of the Canadian islands are still in an undeveloped natural condition. Nearly all of them, except a few very large islands which have been developed as farming communities, still have good tree growth.

With very few exceptions, the islands are privately owned and many of them are fully developed for residential purposes. Owners have in some instances created comfortable grounds and ornamental vistas from formerly unsightly places. Castles, pavilions and outbuildings of many kinds have been erected, imitating or at least recalling some of the beautiful and interesting places in foreign countries. Artists and architects have aided in the work, and the spirit of rivalry to outdo others has resulted in creating a park of surpassing beauty—a combination of nature and art hardly possible elsewhere.

It may be that this great outlay of wealth has not been made with a view to gratifying the eye of the tourist, but, while building and beautifying for themselves, the owners have created a panorama which cannot be hidden from anyone, as the water, at the very doors of the mansions, is a public highway, and all may enjoy the prospect provided by the owner for himself and his guests.

The beauty of the island scenery, the romantic history of the region, the purity of the air, the restfulness of the surroundings, the attractions for the sportsman, be he an angler for fish, a hunter for game, or a boat racer for excitement or glory, have been the inspiration of historians, tourists, novelists, and poets during the past hundred years, all of whom bear testimony to the virtues of the Lake of a Thousand Islands.

PUBLIC ISLAND PARKS

Throughout the Island region various islands or parts of islands and in some cases plots of land on the mainland, are maintained by the Canadian Government on one side of the International Boundary and the State of New York on the other side, for the free use of campers for recreational purposes. Some of these may be reached by automobiles and others by short water trips. Most of these parks have rock-sided, iron-topped stoves for open air cooking. In many cases suitable wharves for skiffs and motor launches are provided as well as pavilions, tables and benches for picnic and camping parties.

There is plenty of land suitable for camping and the public is encouraged to use these reservations. An official is in charge who devotes his entire time to maintaining the parks and regulating their use. The Roosevelt Memorial Highway is adjacent to the south shore of the river from Cape Vincent to Ogdensburg, and the King's Highway parallels the river on the Canadian side. Following are the names of the parks and their locations:

NEW YORK STATE PARKS

"Long Point" is in Chaumont Bay, which opens into Lake Ontario. *"Burnham Point"* is located about three miles from the village of Cape Vincent, and consists of 7 acres. It is located just off the Cape Vincent-Clayton State Highway, a very good location for duck hunting. *"Cedar Point"* or *"Percy's Point"* from the name of the former owner, is located about six miles west of the Village of Clayton. A road leads from the Cape Vincent-Clayton State Road, to the main grounds of the reservation. *"Canoe Point"* is at the northeasterly end of Grindstone Island, about four miles from the village of Clayton. *"Picnic Point"* and *"Squaw Point"* have nice groves and the State maintains good docks and pavilions on both. *"Watterson Point"* is about three miles northeasterly from Canoe Point on the north shore of Wells Island. *"DeWolf Point"* is located on wells Island, facing Lake of the Isles. *"Mary Island"* is near the extreme lower or northeast end of wells Island, near Westminster Park. It is about two miles by water from Alexandria Bay. *"Kring Point"* is on the main shore about five miles down the river from Alexandria Bay. *"Cedar Island"* is near Chippewa Bay, about fifteen miles from Alexandria Bay.

CANADIAN PARKS

"Aubrey" contains fifteen acres and it is two and one-half miles west of Gananoque. *"Mermaid"* contains four acres and is adjoining Aubrey. *"Beau Rivage"* contains about twelve acres and is located two miles west of Gananoque. *"Gordon"* containing eighteen acres is two miles southeast of Gananoque. *"Camelot"* contains twenty-five acres and it is located three miles southeast of Gananoque. *"Endymion"* contains ten acres and is three miles southeast of Gananoque. *"Georgina"* contains twenty-three acres and is located nine and one-half miles east of Gananoque. *"Constance"* contains seven acres and is located in close proximity to Georgina. *"Grenadier"* contains five acres and is at the west end of Grenadier Island near Rockport. *"Mallorytown Landing"* contains four acres and is twelve miles west of Brockville. A bit of this park is on the mainland. *"Adelaide"* contains four acres and is one and one-fourth miles south of Mallorytown Landing. *"Stovin"* contains five acres and is two and one-half miles west of Brockville. *"Broder"* contains eighteen acres and lies directly opposite the town of Morrisburg. *"Cedar Island"* contains twenty-three acres and is one and one-half miles east of Kingston directly opposite Fort Henry.



OLD FORTIFICATIONS AND ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, KINGSTON, ONT. In selecting a site for this college, the government naturally turned its eyes to this place which is especially adapted for the purpose by virtue of its historical associations and the possession of extensive fortifications which might be utilized for technical training.



THE PRINCES' GATE. Toronto, one of Canada's chief cities, is the home of the greatest annual exhibition held throughout the world. Nearly 2,000,000 people visit this exhibition annually and its exhibits come from nearly every country of the world.



KINGSTON, ONTARIO. This view shows the lake front of Kingston, one of the oldest and most historical cities of Canada.



VIEW AMONG THE ISLANDS. *Charming views greet the eye from every direction throughout the Thousand Island region.*



VIEW NEAR WELLESLEY ISLAND. The islands are rock-formed and many of them rise abruptly out of the water with steep rugged cliffs.



VIEW AMONG THE CANADIAN ISLANDS IN AN UNDEVELOPED REGION. Some of the islands reach an elevation of more than 100 feet above the water. From these various points many islands may be seen dotting the surface of the broad St. Lawrence.



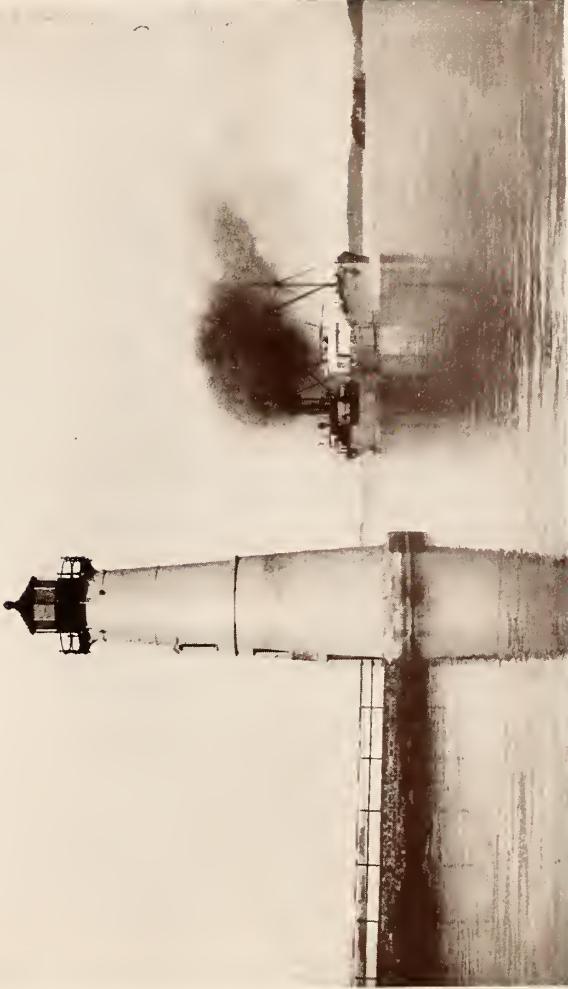
SOUTH BAY, CARLETON ISLAND, CAPE VINCENT, N.Y. Carleton Island opposite Cape Vincent near the entrance to Lake Ontario was the scene of military activities during the war of 1812. Several interesting ruins still remain.



RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CLAYTON, N.Y. Clayton is the principal railroad terminal on the American side touching the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Island region. It may also be reached by excellent roads approaching from three directions. Many tour boats leave Clayton docks making the trip around the islands at every hour of the day. There are several good hotels for the accommodation of the many tourists who visit Clayton every summer.



THOUSAND ISLAND PARK. Located on Wellesley Island, it comprises about 1,000 acres of land purchased in 1874 by a Methodist Association headed by Rev. J. F. Dayan, a well-known Methodist minister. It is still under the control of this religious organization. It is a village of several hundred cottages as well as many stores, hotels, and business places.



ROCK ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE. This light house has been standing guard since 1847 guiding sailors past the dangerous shoals located in its vicinity. It is one of the outstanding landmarks of the Thousand Island region.



VIEW NEAR THOUSAND ISLAND PARK, ROCK ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE IN THE DISTANCE. There are many broad expanses of water throughout the region giving an uninterrupted view for several miles.



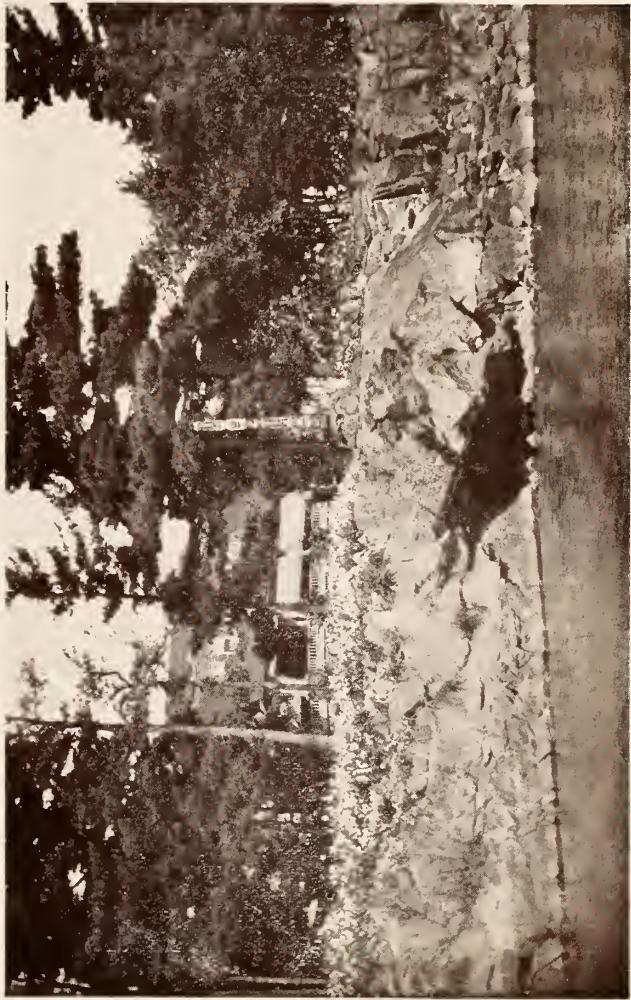
FRONTENAC FROM LITTLE ROUND ISLAND, NEAR CLAYTON, N. Y.



SHORE NEAR FINE VIEW.



PEABODY'S POINT. The shores of many of the islands are lined with white birches.



TOTEM LODGE. This place has obtained its name from the Totem Pole which is a exact copy of some of the Totem Poles of the Alaska Indians. It is owned by Mr. Thing, shoe manufacturer.



STAVE ISLAND. Owned by A. B. Chaffey of Montreal and located in an undeveloped section of the Thousand Islands on the Canadian side.



THE NARROWS AND PALISADES. At this point is found the deepest water throughout the entire St. Lawrence River. It is 244 ft. deep.



THE ADMIRALTY GROUP NEAR GANANOQUE, CANADA. This group of islands is in Canadian water and comprises one of the most beautiful sections of the undeveloped part of the Thousand Islands region. It is located near Gananoque, a Canadian town.



ROYALTY VISITS THE THOUSAND ISLANDS. Recently the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Premier Baldwin visited the Thousand Islands and the above picture shows their arrival at Gananoque, Can.



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION CAMP ON SUGAR ISLAND.



PULPIT ROCK IN HALF MOON BAY. *Here open air services are held Sundays during the summer which are attended by many hundreds of people.*



EVENING ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.



These steamers, Kingston and Toronto, owned by the Canada Steamship Lines, are among the principal boats plying between Montreal and Toronto. They traverse the entire Thousand Island region, offering the tourists an unsurpassed view of the islands. These boats touch all the principal points on both the American and Canadian mainland.





OUT OF SIGHT CHANNEL, 1000 ISLANDS, CANADA



ZAVIKON ISLAND, 1000 ISLANDS—INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CONNECTING U. S. AND CANADA



THE FOUR VIEWS JOINED MAKE A PANORAMIC VIEW



OF THE ISLANDS AS SEEN FROM ALEXANDRIA BAY.



CALUMET ISLAND, CLAYTON, N. Y.



SENTINEL ISLE, 1000 ISLANDS



CORNER IN EEL BAY. *Eel Bay* on the north side of Wellesley Island is one of the best bass fishing grounds on the river.



TOUR BOAT IN THE LOST CHANNEL NEAR KING'S LANDING. This channel takes its name from the fact that during the War of 1812 the British and American troops were pursued by the Indians across the river. They were overtaken at this point in the river and in the battle which resulted, the troops perished, hence the name Lost Channel.



IVY LEE NEAR KING'S LANDING, CANADA. At this point in the river there is a broad circular bay around which are many cottages occupied by summer residents.



OBSERVATION LAUNCH PASSING THROUGH THE CANADIAN ISLANDS. These small launches are able to navigate the many narrow islands and channels. For this reason the Island Tour is one of the popular attractions. Thousands of people make these tours every summer.

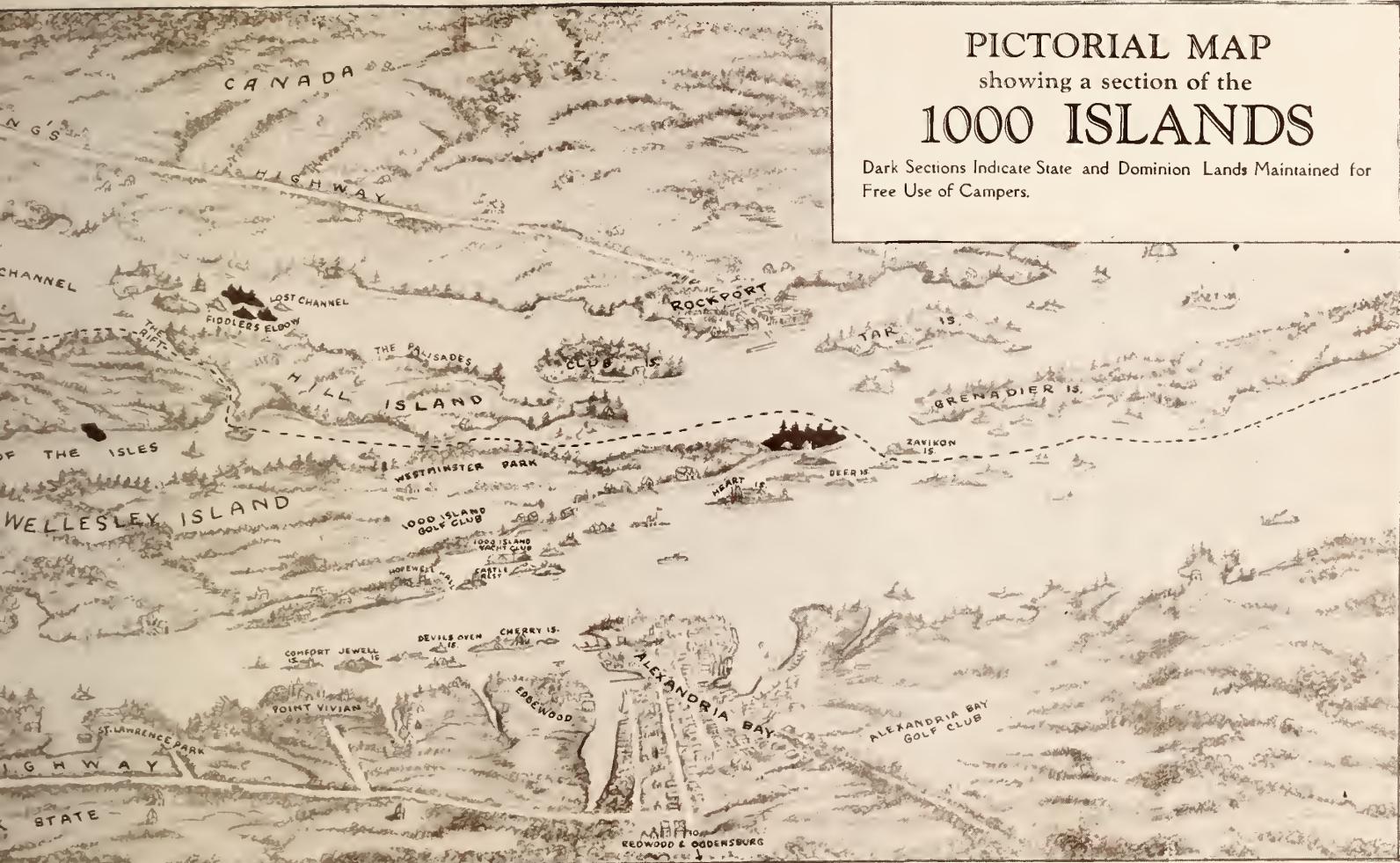


OBSERVATION LAUNCH PASSING THROUGH OUT OF SIGHT CHANNEL near the Canadian mainland. In this section of the river there are many narrow channels between rocky cliffs formed by the abrupt shores of the Islands. Some of these channels are so narrow that only the small boats can navigate them.



PICTORIAL MAP
showing a section of the
1000 ISLANDS

Dark Sections Indicate State and Dominion Lands Maintained for
Free Use of Campers.





LANDON'S RIFT, CANADIAN ISLANDS. This is one of the narrow rifts which lends great charm to the river. On the right is a garden of old fashioned flowers which is one of the beauty spots of the island tour.



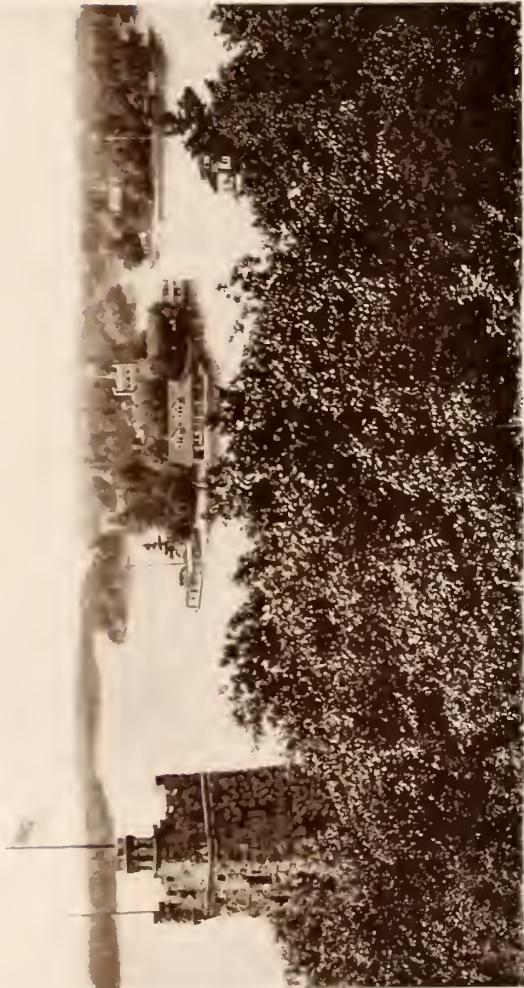
THE DEVINE COTTAGE, CANADA. Owned by Andrew Devine of New York City. It is situated near King's Landing in one of the most picturesque parts of the river. Smuggler's Cove is nearby.



KING'S LANDING. Situated on the Canadian mainland, it is a stop-over point for many of the tour boats, permitting passengers sufficient time to purchase Canadian souvenirs and refreshments.



STEAMER RIVERSIDE PASSING THROUGH MARGARET CHANNEL. This boat makes regular daily trips from Ogdensburg up the river through the islands. It is the only boat making the regular island tour from Ogdensburg.



VIEW FROM BOLDT CASTLE. Boldt Castle is situated on Heart Island directly opposite Alexandria Bay in the midst of the Millionaire Colony.



THOUSAND ISLAND YACHT CLUB HOUSE. This has long been prominent in the social activities of the many summer residents in this part of the Thousand Islands.



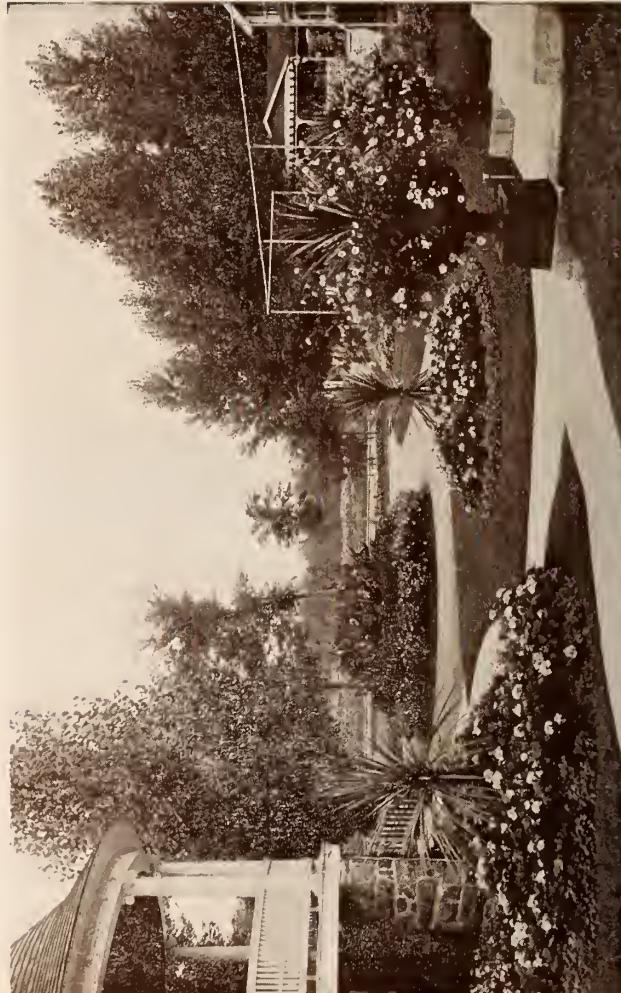
CANADIAN ISLANDS IN THE VICINITY OF CLAYTON



LOST CHANNEL IN THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, THOUSAND ISLANDS, N.Y.



SUNKEN ROCK LIGHT HOUSE AND HEART ISLAND, NEAR ALEXANDRIA BAY. This light house was built in 1847 and lights the way for the many freighters and passenger boats sailing up and down the St. Lawrence.



VIEW ON WELLLESLEY ISLAND, 1000 ISLAND ESTATE. This is now owned by Edward J. Noble of Greenwich, Conn., and was formerly developed by the late George C. Boldt. This shows one of the many elaborate floral displays for which this part of the estate is especially famous.



INDIAN ROCK. In many places the side of an island will rise perpendicularly from the water's edge for 50 feet or more. The small stunted pines growing out of the rock sometimes soften the effect of these islands of solid granite.



MOONLIGHT ON THE ST. LAWRENCE. Evening on the river presents many entrancing scenes. The small tour boats make regular evening trips and no one should leave the islands without having enjoyed an evening on the water.



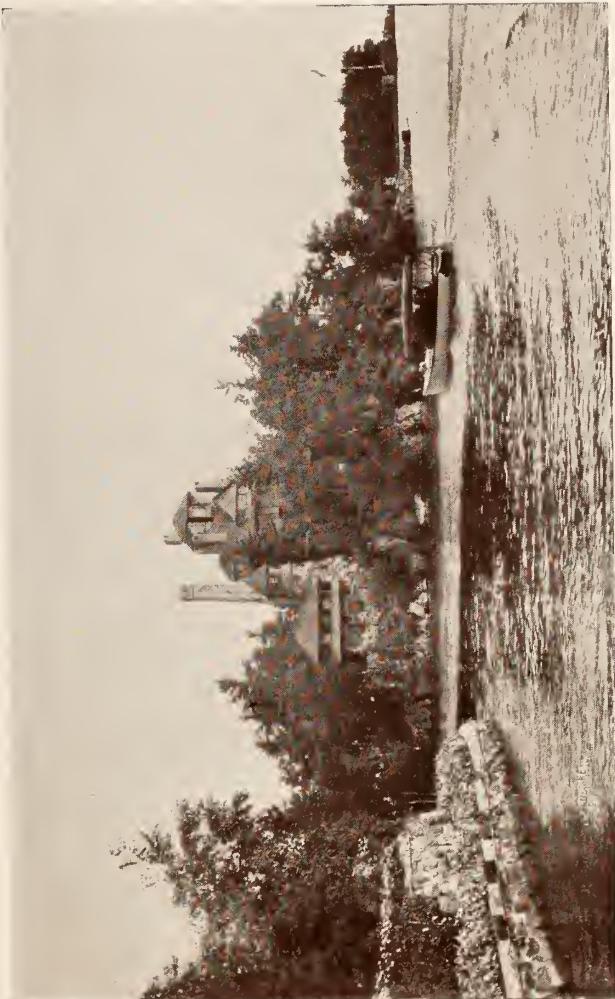
BOLDT CASTLE, HEART ISLAND FROM THE AIR, 1000 ISLANDS



HOPEWELL HALL, ON WELLESLEY ISLAND, 1000 ISLANDS, NEAR ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.



BELLE ISLE, ALEXANDRIA BAY. This beautiful residence is owned by the Peacock Estate of Pitts-
burg, Pa. It is one of the older elaborate homes located in the Millionaire Colony.



CASTLE REST. Castle Rest is the summer home of Ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois. It was formerly
owned by Mr. Fullman of Pullman car fame and long occupied by members of his family. The architect
is unique and it has long been one of the show places of the islands.



LOOKING UP THE RIVER FROM THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y. Alexandria Bay is known as the hub of the Thousand Islands by reason of its location directly opposite the Millionaire Colony. The largest hotels on the river are located here. Many fine tour boats leave from the several docks making the Island Tour and the larger passenger boats make Alexandria Bay a stop-over place. This view gives a section of the Millionaire Colony which embraces the summer residences of many of the nation's prominent families.



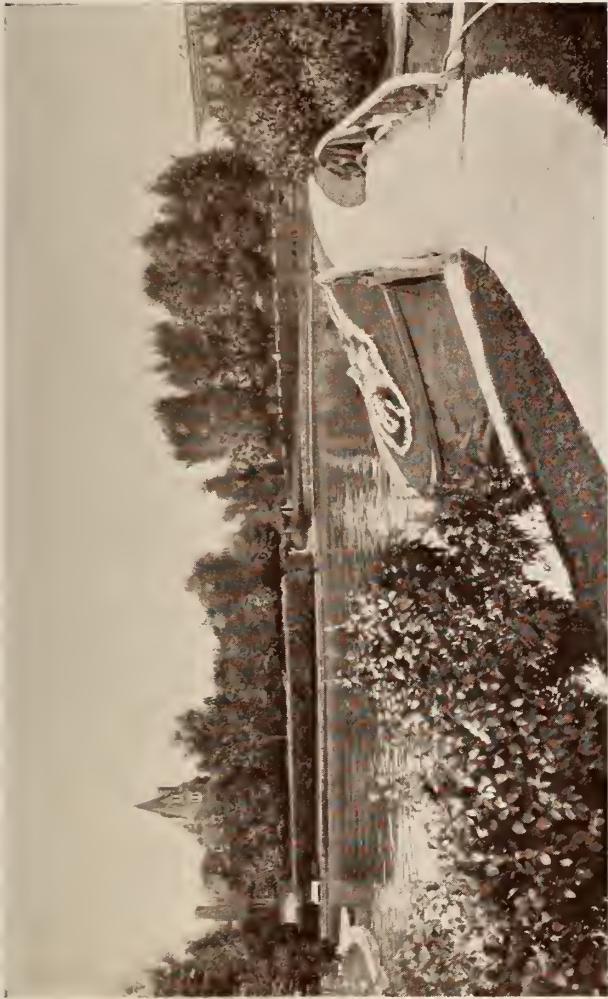
HEART ISLAND, BOLDT CASTLE, ALEXANDRIA BAY. Boldt Castle was built by the late Geo. C. Boldt of the Waldorf-Astoria and is an exact duplicate of a castle on the Rhine. It was never finished owing to the death of his wife, when immediately all building operations on the Castle ceased and were never resumed. It is estimated that over one million dollars would be required to complete it although several million have already been spent. It is now owned by E. J. Noble of Greenwich, Conn., originator of Life Savers.



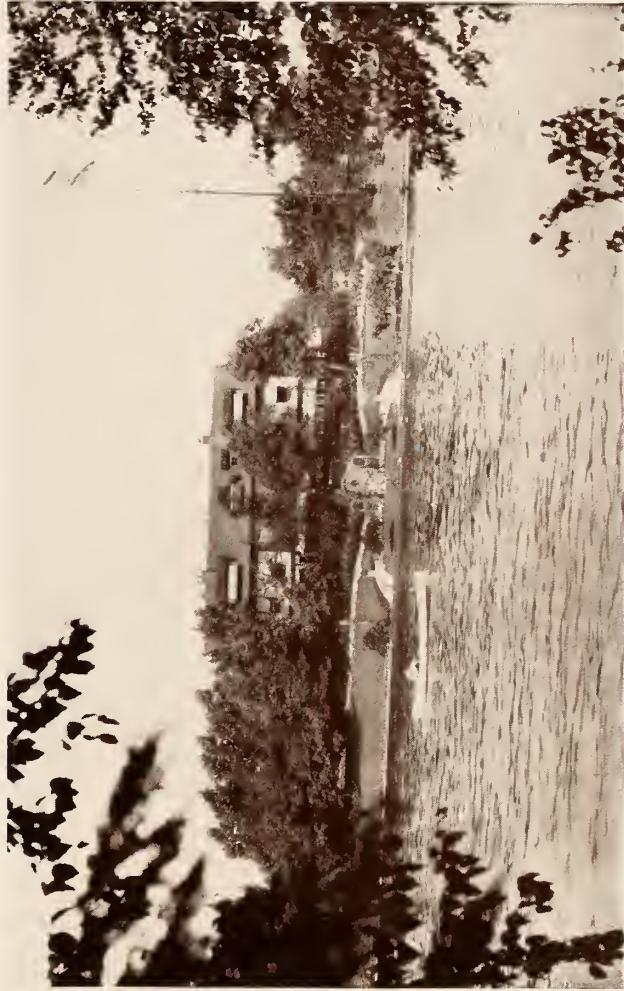
THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.



CROSSMON HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.



CANAL ON WELLESLEY ISLAND. This view shows a portion of the private waterway owned by the late Geo. C. Bond and recently acquired by E. J. Noble of Greenwich, Conn.



THE SWISS CHALET, One of several beautiful summer homes, formerly belonging to the Boldt Estate, now owned by E. J. Noble.



WILLOW CHANNEL, WESTMINSTER PARK.



VIEW IN INTERNATIONAL RIFT.



IMPERIAL ISLE, ALEXANDRIA BAY. This beautiful summer home was originally owned by the late Mr. Rafferty of Pittsburgh, Pa., and recently acquired by Mr. Tuttle of New York.

CHERRY ISLAND. This is the summer home of J. H. Davis of Philadelphia, Pa. There are two magnificent residences on this island which were originally built, one by Mr. Abrams and one by Mr. Straus of the firm Abrams & Straus of New York City.



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AIR VIEW, HOPEWELL HALL AND CASTLE REST.



ALSTER TOWER, HEART ISLAND.



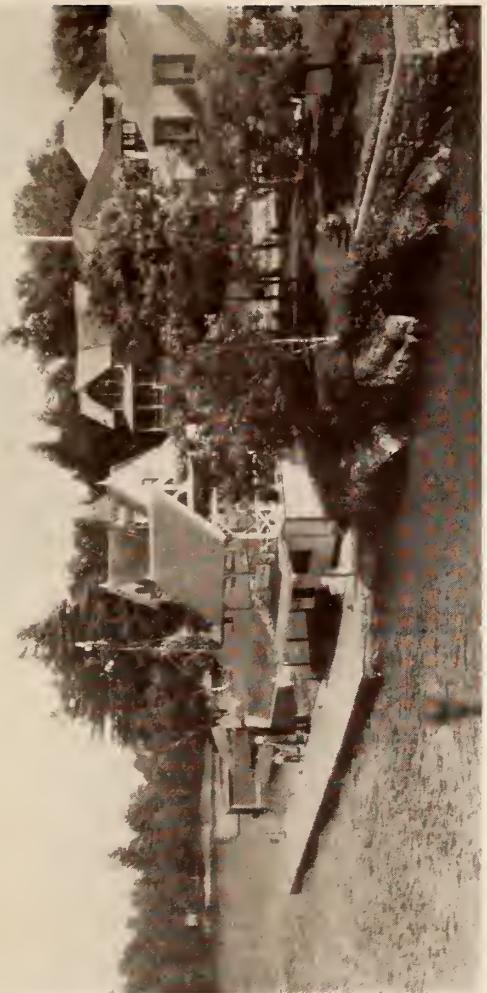
VIEW FROM THE EDGEWOOD HOTEL, ALEXANDRIA BAY,
NEW YORK.



DEVIL'S OVEN ISLAND. While the Canadian Government offered a reward for his capture, Bill Johnson remained for some time in hiding in the "oven," and was supplied with food by his daughter, Kate.



LOOKING UP THE RIVER FROM DEVIL'S OVEN. Left to right, Wauwinet Isle owned by Thos. Wheeler's Estate; Comfort Isle owned by Mr. Clark of Chicago; Jewel Isle owned by Mr. M. C. Brown, Miami, Florida.



POINT VIVIAN, N. Y. Point Vivian is a summer colony about three miles from Alexandria Bay on the American side.



ROCKPORT, ONTARIO Situated on the Canadian mainland, it is a stop-over point for many of the tour boats, permitting passengers sufficient time to purchase Canadian souvenirs and refreshments.



ALEXANDRIA BAY. THE HUB OF THE 1000 ISLANDS.



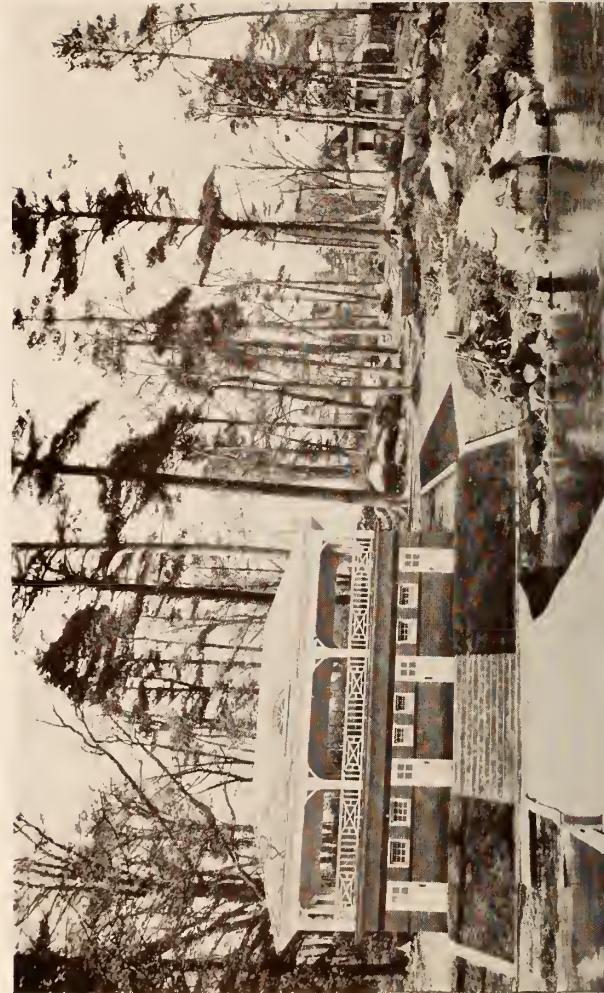


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ALEXANDRIA BAY AND VICINITY FROM THE AIR.



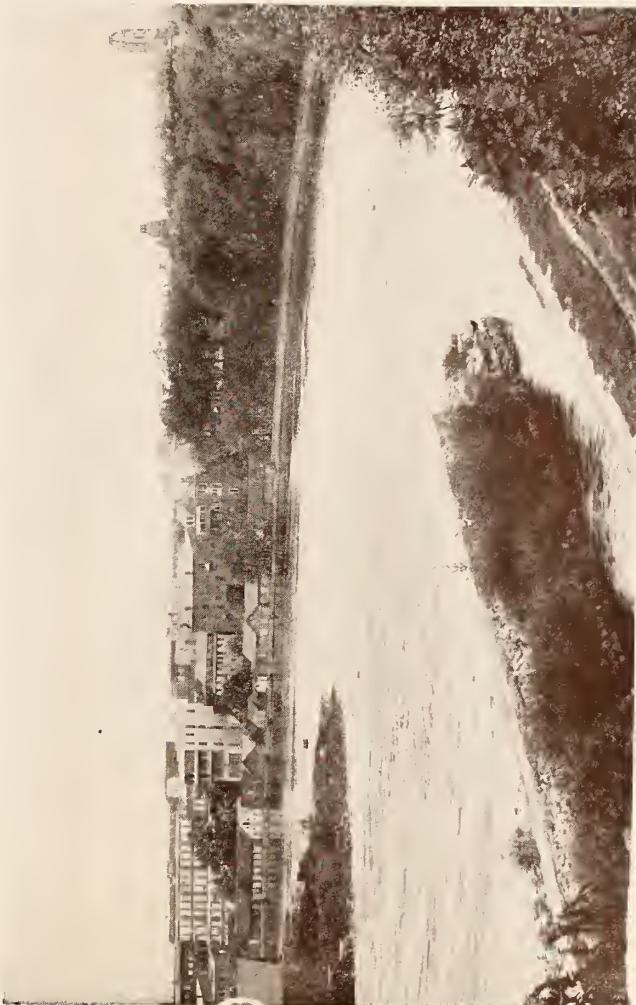
DARK ISLAND. This summer residence was built by the late Commodore Bourne of New York of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. It is noted for its many secret passages. It is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Bourne Thayer of Philadelphia, Pa.



ST. LAWRENCE PARK AND FREE TOURIST CAMP, BROCKVILLE, CANADA. Brockville is a flourishing Canadian city noted for its beautiful residences. It is directly opposite Morrisstown on the American side and is one of the wealthiest cities in Canada.



VIEW OF THE CANADIAN ISLANDS. Many beautiful island views may be seen from the highway which parallels the river for many miles on either side.



THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER, OGDENSBURG, N. Y. Ogdensburg is the largest city on the St. Lawrence River on the American side. It is an important port of entry from Canada. Millions of dollars worth of raw silk enter the United States from the Orient annually through this port.



A VIEW OF THE GRANDSTAND, TORONTO EXHIBITION. This view gives an idea of the size of the stage at which 1,000 performers take part.



THE STEAMER CAYUGA. This boat makes regular trips between Levison and Toronto via Canada Steamship Lines.

